Summary

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Prague Orthodox Churches

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This thesis provides overview of orthodox churches – sanctuaries and chaples in Prague being used by Orthodox Church since 1870s. Describing the history of objects and their acquisition for the Orthodox Church, their architecture, facilities, decoration and other aspects. St Nicolas in the Old Town has been the first sanctuary acquired for church, magnificient piece of baroque architecture being used since 1870. After 1945 usage of the sanctuary was forbidden. After unsuccessfull attempts of another sanctuary acquisition, the church of St Charles the Borromeo in Resslova street was gained in 1933. Today is it Ss. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral. Paratroopers, who committed assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, Nazi Deputy Reich-Protector, were hiding in this church after the incident. Their disclosure had consequences for the sanctuary and also for the entire Czech Orthodox church. The National Memorial to the Heroes of the Heydrich Terror is built here today. The Sanctuary of the Dormition of the Theotokos (Virgin Mary) on Olšany cemetery has been built as a cemetery chapel already in 1925. It has been used for regular worship as late as 1945. It is the only sanctuary in Prague built from the scratch by the Orthodox church. In the same year the St Nicolas house sanctuary in the so called Professor house in Bubeneč was founded. In 1994 the Orthodox church gained also the sanctuary of Annunciation to the Virgin Mary in Na Slupi street for orthodox worship services. Another sanctuary is located on the territory of The Embassy of the Russian Federation in the Czech Republic. It is called the St George the Victorious sanctuary, which was built in 1999 by expanding of small object. In 2008 the wooden St Archangel Michael sanctuary in Kinsky gardens was acquired, this building was moved there in 1920s from Carpathian Ruthenia. In 2008 the small house chapel in The ICON Hotel in V Jámě street was built which is used mainly for the hotel guests attendees.